

Instruction Update - 2009 - For Beginning or Advanced Time Card™ Sets

Since the release of the game in 2005, many people have developed their own methods for using and reading the cards. These ideas for the cards are courtesy of those who have shared their ideas and experiences with others. Remember, there is no wrong way to use the cards, so always go with your instincts and feelings.

Solitaire with the Cards

This is a variation of the “game” shared by a man from Miami, Florida for using the cards alone.

- 1) Shuffle the pack.
- 2) Deal yourself seven cards and turn over one card from the deck to begin.
- 3) Start matching cards as per the basic instructions while having an internal conversation.
- 4) The instant you turn over the blank card, the game stops.
- 5) Then reflect, and put the cards away.

Turn the “Game” into a Reading

This is a way to play with your friends and turn the game into a reading. This works best when there are either 5 or 6 people in the circle.

- 1) Play the game relating cards in 3's. Deal cards face up.
- 2) Everyone comes to the game with a question they want to ask.
- 3) Everyone agrees to keep their question a secret until the game begins.
- 4) Once the game has begun, anyone can reveal their question at any time.
- 5) Stop anytime the circle feels they are done.

Readings with the Cards

There are plenty of ways to read tarot, and people have found that Time Cards can be used in exactly the same way. If you already read tarot, give this a try sometime and see how it works for you. They will work wonderfully in whatever spread of cards you are used to using. You may be surprised just how well they work and how easy they are to read.

Method #1 - This is a quick method for a reading and seems to work quite well with any deck. Ask the seeker to shuffle the cards, then simply choose three cards and try to read the answer. This can be done in any manner you feel to do. This simplest of methods was adopted by our web designer when constructing our on-line card reading program.

Method #2 - This method asks the seeker to read their own cards. You are only the facilitator. After the seeker shuffles the cards, deal them three cards face up. Ask them to tell you what each of the cards means to them in their life right now. If they say that they do not see anything in one of the cards, deal them another card UNDER that one (NOT ON TOP OF IT) and ask if this second card helps clarify the first. If it does not, deal a third card in that column and ask again. You can continue doing this for any of the cards that are unclear to them, and you will find that the cards will begin to tell a story that the seeker will be able to read for themselves.

Method #3 - This is another way to make a reading into a “game”. To try this, shuffle the cards, then separate the deck into two roughly even piles. Each “player” chooses one of the piles as the cards they will read for the other. It will not matter who reads first. Player 1 turns the first card of their stack face up and simply reads meaning into it for player 2. Just say whatever comes to your mind in interpreting this card and projecting it for the benefit of the other player. If you are not seeing anything clear in this card, deal a second one (NEXT TO the first). You can then see if the two cards interpreted together will give you a clear message. If you still do not see the message, deal a third card (NEXT TO THE OTHER TWO) and try to read that combination. After player 1 reads these cards, their turn is over and player 2 does the same for player 1. Both players take turns in this way, each time reading the cards they turn up for the benefit of the other player.